Poopatachirayatakam—a field in Oochanthuruthu —particulars regarding.

366. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether it is a fact that a field known as Poopatachirayatakam in Oochanthuruthu has been lying fallow for the last few years;

(2) what is the extent of that field;

(3) is not the field assessed to various owners;

(4) how long has it been not available for cultivation;

(5) have the assessors not been paying the tax these years;

(6) what do the Government propose to make it available for cultivation;

(7) is that not one of the most fertile pieces of land in the Taluk?

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—(1) Yes.

(2) About 15 acres.

(3) The waste block is owned by the Elankunnapuzha Dewaswam.

(4) There has been no cultivation for 8 years now. Tenants in possession are carrying on fishing.

(5) Yes.

(6) The Government cannot interfere. The tenants in possession under the jenmi must stop fishing by the beginning of Meenam and take steps to dry the land for cultivation of paddy.

(7) The land used to yield a fair return from paddy cultivation.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural)*.—Do all those who are in possession of these lands take to fishing?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—Some are having fisheries. The fishing must be common if we have no paddy cultivation.

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